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SUBJECT: CRASH OF US REGISTERED CESSNA

1. NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD (NTSB) REQUESTS
EMB INFORM APPROPRIATE WESTERN SAMOAN OFFICIALS OF THE
NTSB'S DESIRE TO BE OF ASSISTANCE TO THE SAMOAN AIRCRAFT
ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION OF THE US REGISTERED AND MANU-
FACTURED CESSNA 402 WHICH CRASHED ON UPOLU ISLAND
27 APRIL.

2. ANTICIPATING WESTERN SAMOA'S REQUEST AND FEARFUL OF
BEING CAUGHT BY AN IMPENDING PANAM STRIKE, THE NTSB
WILL LAUNCH ITS TEAM LATE TODAY, 28 APRIL. UPON RECEIPT
OF THE SAMOAN REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE, EMBASSY WELLINGTON
MAY INFORM THE APPROPRIATE WESTERN SAMOAN AUTHORITIES
THAT THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WILL COMPRISE THE US
TEAM:

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NOEL LAWSON, ACCREDITED REP.
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TEAM WILL ARRIVE PAGO PAGO 29 OR 30 APRIL WHERE THEY
WILL AWAIT INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR OF AMERICAN

SAMOA TO PROCEED TO WESTERN SAMOA. CONSEQUENTLY, UPON RECEIPT OF THE ANTICIPATED WESTERN SAMOAN INVITATION, REQUEST EMB WELLINGTON NOTIFY GOVERNOR OF AMERICAN SAMOA.

3. NTSB REGRETS NECESSITY TO TAKE UNUSUAL STEP OF LAUNCHING THEIR TEAM WITHOUT A FORMAL INVITATION AND OF THE NECESSITY TO BURDEN THE EMB ON THE WEEKEND. HOWEVER, TO ENABLE THE SAMOAN/US ACCIDENT TEAM TO DETERMINE THE CAUSE OF THE ACCIDENT, IT'S ESSENTIAL THAT AN INQUIRY BE INITIATED ASAP. VANCE

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